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APRIL 18, 1973; AMB RIVERO'S LETTER TO UNDER SEC CASEY, MAY 14, 1973

1. EMBASSY BELIEVES THE OMB REPORT, AND THE VARIOUS ASSESSMENTS
OF FOREIGN SERVICE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL WORK WHICH PRECEDED IT
IDENTIFY THE PROBLEMS WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY THE QUARTERLY
MEETINGS BETWEEN SECRETARY OF COMMERCE DENT AND UNDER SEC CASEY.
THIS EMBASSY HAS NO ADDITIONAL ISSUES TO RECOMMEND FOR AGENDA.

2. SINCE THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS IS TO BE IMPLEMENTATION OF
JOINT STATE/COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL BUDGET AND OVERSEAS
ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATION, EMBASSY WISHES TO REITERATE
THE REQUEST IN THE VARIOUS REFERENCED EMBASSY COMMUNICATIONS
FOR THREE ADDITIONAL OFFICERS AND THREE ADDITIONAL FS LOCALS WHICH
WE THINK THE GROWTH IN OUR EXPORTS TO SPAIN IN 1972 AND 1973,
AND THE POTENTIAL FOR FURTHER EXPANSION OF TRADE, FULLY JUSTIFY.
WE HAVE NO PROBLEM OF QUALITY OF ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATION
AT THIS POST; OURS IS ONE OF QUANTITY.

3. IN RESPECT OF ONE OF THE PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED BY THE OMB REPORT-
THAT OF A SEPARATION OF ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL FUNCTIONS AT
POSTS-- I WONDER WHETHER THIS IS A PROBLEM IN A MAJORITY OF POSTS.
NEITHER OF THE SENIOR OFFICERS IN THE ECON/COM SECTION HAS SERVED
AT A POST IN THE PAST WHERE THERE WAS A TOTAL SEPARATION OF
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ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL FUNCTIONS. AND MADRID IS INTEGRATED;

EACH OFFICER HAS ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITIES INCORPORATING THE WHOLE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES USUAL TO THE SUBJECT OR SECTOR ASSIGNED. IF THERE IS A SEPARATION OF ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL WORK IN MOST POSTS, THEN THIS SHOULD BE A PRIORITY ITEM FOR STUDY IN ONGOING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN STATE AND COMMERCE. IN MY OPINION, WHICH IS SHARED BY THE EXPERIENCED OFFICERS AT THIS POST, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN JUNIOR OFFICER INTEREST IN THE REPETITIVE ASPECTS OF COMMERCIAL WORK WITHOUT DELEGATING TO THEM THE WHOLE RANGE OF ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL ISSUES WHICH MAY ARISE ON TOPICS OR ECONOMIC SECTORS ASSIGNED. THE COMBINATION OF THE TWO FUNCTIONS ALSO SERVES TO DEVELOP OFFICERS WITH GREATER BREADTH OF EXPERIENCE AND VERSATILITY, AN IMPORTANT AND DESIRABLE OBJECTIVE IN ITSELF.

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